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Applicant: Bauman et al.)
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For: HEARING AID SYSTEM)

SUBMISSION UNDER 37 CFR §1.132 AND
AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This submission is provided with the attached declaration of Vivatone President Leon Hirsch indicating additional secondary considerations in support of non-obviousness of the claims. This additional secondary consideration evidence shows intent by Siemens Audiologische Technik, GmbH ("Siemens"), which is at least the second largest hearing aid company in the world, to copy the Applicant's claimed configuration. Reconsideration and allowance of the claims is respectfully requested.